

# St Benedict's Catholic Primary School

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*"As unique individuals, we  
do our best at work and  
play for the love of God  
and others."*






Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you so much for your kind words, emails, cards and gifts. I have been overwhelmed by your support. I will give my all to ensure that your children are successful, happy learners and that their primary school experience is full of precious memories.

- 1) Next week the children will design Christmas cards (sorry to mention the word in September!) The designs will be sent home and you will then have the chance to pre order your child's card which will be delivered before Christmas (More information will be sent soon). The deadline for sending the designs back will be 16<sup>th</sup> October.
- 2) Please can we encourage you to keep the children safe when you are dropping them or collecting them from school. Parking at the church would be really helpful. The school council will help us by producing some posters and holding an assembly to raise awareness of road safety and we will be visited by PCSO Harding too.
- 3) Update on catering: we are moving towards pre-ordering food on line. This will enable you to choose the food your child wants, 2 weeks in advance. Not only will children always have the food they choose with you at home, it will reduce waste and iron out some of the issues being faced with lack of choice for the juniors. In order to be able to use this service, you will need to register (at no cost) for the gateway app. Details will follow. We are hoping this will be available after Christmas. Watch this space!
- 4) I am meeting with a yoga teacher this week in the hope of adding another after school club – I would really like to start a martial art style club but have had no luck finding one. If you have any contacts or know of anybody who could run an afterschool club of this type, please let me know.
- 5) I met with Sue Moore, the local parish councillor this week. We will be launching a competition to design a poster for the Handforth Lights switch on. The winning child will be asked to press the button to turn the lights on. I am also hoping we can get involved with some singing or music too. 30<sup>th</sup> November is the lights switch on.
- 6) Homework: please let class teachers know if you need sheets printing. Online homework is working well for teachers; we hope it is helping to engage your child too. We will begin to send additional homework options for those who want to do more in the next week or so.
- 7) The church Christmas fair is on 23<sup>rd</sup> November – Because of work due to be carried out on the church roof in the coming weeks, Father is concerned that there will not be enough storage space for the donations received for the fair. If you have any storage space (garage/shed) that you could offer for a few weeks, please let me know.
- 8) Tomorrow (28th September) at 2pm the SVP will be holding a mass at St Benedict's with a tea party afterwards. Please join us in supporting the good work of the SVP.

**Dates for your diary:**

We continue to invite parents and carers to a Friday assembly in the school hall (9 – 9.30am). Children are encouraged to bring certificates from home, or to share news/achievements that they are proud of.

 Denotes ordinary time    Denotes advert    New dates added

**October 2019**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
30 September	1 Year 2 – gardener Craig	2 Year 4 go to Mass	3	4	5	6
7	8 Year 2 trip to Tatton Park (£17.20) PCSO Harding Road Safety Assembly	9	10 Reading Parent workshop  'Smoke Busters' – fire service workshop for Year 5	11	12	13
14 Geography Week (details to follow)	15	16 DEADLINE to return Christmas card orders.	17	18 Harvest Festival (Reception class) Food donations for Hope Central gratefully received	19 Community Morning	20
21 Booking for parents evening open (see website)	22 PTA AGM 7pm School	23	24 'Thankful Thursday'	25 Own clothes day – donations for Christmas fair - chocolates School closes for half term	26	27
28	29	30	31 HALF TERM			

**November 2019**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				1 HALF TERM	2	3
4 Bikeability Year 4	5 Bikeability Year 6	6 Bikeability Year 6	7 Year 4 trip to Chester	8 PTA Halloween Disco	9	10
11	12	13 Year 5 trip to Robinwood	14 Year 5 Robinwood	15 Year 5 Robinwood  Own clothes donations for fair - bottles	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 Parents' Evening Booking closed	23 Christmas Fair	24 Mass of enrolment 10.30am (sacramental Programme)
25	26	27 Parents' evening 3.30 -6.30pm	28 Parents' evening 3.30 - 6pm	29	30 Handforth Lights switch on	

### December 2019

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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2 Fundraising for Manchester Children's Hospital activities week	3	4	5 'Thankful Thursday'	6 Reception trip to Tatton Park	7	8
9	10 Nativity Performance 2pm	11 Nativity Performance 2pm and 6pm	12	13	14	15
16	17 Pantomime  6pm Carols at church	18 Christingle Mass  Christmas Dinner Day	19 Class parties  1-3 pm disco	20 School Closes	21	22

More details will be given about the events nearer the time. If you have any questions, please ask your class teachers in the first instance.

Kind Regards, Hannah McGuire